

## MEXICO IS CLOSED TO ALL WAR MUNITIONS

State Department Revokes Export Licenses in View of "Situation."

### GUARD PORTS AND BORDER

Troops of All Arms Reported Ready for Service Within Striking Distance.

Special Despatch to The Sun.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The United States intends to shut down completely the export of arms and war munitions into Mexico from this country if it be possible. To this end the State Department today issued an order revoking all licenses for exportation of arms and munitions granted by the War Trade Board prior to September 30, 1919. The reservation shall be effective January 1, 1920. This reservation applies to all outstanding orders, and hereafter no arms will be allowed to go through without the permission of the State Department.

It is assumed that applicants for export licenses will have no easy time convincing the State Department that the permission should be granted, and precautions at ocean ports and along the border will be redoubled.

There has been much gun running into Mexico in the past. Such border points as El Paso and Brownsville have been the centers of this illicit trade. Most of the guns and ammunition have gone to the Villa forces, especially from El Paso, although the Carranza Government has obtained its share, principally from Gulf ports. Villa sympathizers and agents have been successful in the trade, and in spite of the State and Federal authorities much contraband has slipped across the border between the Pacific and the Gulf of Mexico.

### Troops Ready Near Border.

It would not be admitted to-day that the latest move was made by reason of the Mexican "situation," but it is evident that no precautions are being neglected. Officials were unwilling to discuss the question as to what was being done toward strengthening American forces situated at points within easy reaching distance to the Mexican border, but it is generally understood that troops of all arms of the service are ready and are well equipped for a possible expedition.

The State Department's order revoking the export licenses follows:

The Secretary of State directs that all outstanding unused licenses issued prior to September 30, 1919, by the War Trade Board or the War Trade Board section of the Department of State for the exportation of Mexico of arms or munitions of war shall be revoked, effective January 1, 1920. Collectors of customs have been advised that said licenses will be of no further force or effect on or after January 1, 1920.

### Export Licenses Revoked.

By virtue of the authority vested in him by the proclamation issued by the President on January 12, 1919, under section 2 of the joint resolution of Congress, approved March 14, 1912, and under an act of Congress, approved June 15, 1917, the Secretary of State prescribed that no arms or munitions of war shall be shipped from the United States to Mexico, except under the license of the Secretary of State. All applications for licenses to export these commodities to Mexico must be filed with the Department of State on official application forms furnished by that Department, from which licenses will issue.

Establishment of a naval base at San Diego, Cal., is authorized in a general order signed to-day by the Secretary of the Navy. The new base will consist of the naval air station, the naval fuel depot, naval hospital, marine barracks, the radio station, repair station and such other naval activities as are now or may be established in San Diego or the immediate vicinity.

### JENKINS TO FACE SEDITION CHARGES

Mexico Says He Armed His Bandit Captors.

El Paso, Dec. 24.—Charges of sedition will be filed against William O. Jenkins, consular agent for the United States at Puebla, Mexico, following the alleged delivery by him of arms and ammunition to the bandits who had captured him, according to the *Excelsior* of Mexico City.

According to a despatch from the *Excelsior's* correspondent at Puebla a group of Indians testified December 17 that Jenkins handed over the war material to the outlaws as part payment of his ransom. The despatch adds that the examination of the Indians was conducted with "considerable solemnity," several prominent Pueblans being present at the hearing.

### WOULD PLACATE FOREIGNERS.

Oregon Insists on Constitution Change Lessening Office.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 24.—Gen. Alvaro Obregon, candidate for the Presidency of Mexico, will insist that the national convention of his party, the Partido Liberal Constitucionalista, insert in its platform pledges that the Carranza Queretaro constitution of 1917 shall be amended and changed to eliminate features objectionable to foreigners.

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ers and to define the exact powers of the executive and cabinet officers. It must include a provision that the executive may be impeached for other offenses besides treason, notably for interference in State and municipal elections, according to advice received in this city to-day from Oregon.

### STATE DEATH RATE HIGHER.

November Slightly Above October—Birth Rate Holds Low.

ALBANY, Dec. 24.—The latest vital statistics report, made public to-day by the New York State Commissioner of Health, Dr. Hermann M. Biggs, shows that the general death rate for the State increased slightly in November this year over the preceding month, but was still very much below the average for the month of November during the five years before 1918—the decrease being over 17 per cent. The State's birth rate of 30.4 per thousand population for November is still low and much below the average for that month in the five years 1913-1917. Also the State's infant mortality rate of 66 for November is 19 points below the average for that month.

The number of deaths in the State from diphtheria was 187 in the month of November, as compared with the five year average of 142 for the same month.

## TURKEY FLEES AXE ON TROLLEY CAR ROOF

Rides Back to His Fate in Taxi at \$2.50.

A twenty-two pound turkey found the door of his cage open in Quadrella Bros' live poultry market on Bloomfield avenue, Montclair, yesterday afternoon and stepped outside. Michael Quadrella, one of the proprietors, didn't know the bird was loose until he heard a sound like a De Havilland bomber and saw the turkey sailing through the front door over the heads of the Christmas shoppers on the sidewalk. Without hesitation he gave chase.

At the precise moment a trolley car rounded the corner into Elm street and the runaway Christmas dinner settled itself upon the car's broad roof, gobbling contentedly. Quadrella shouted to the conductor to stop but that functionary, merely supposing he had a prospective passenger to deal with, declined to interfere with the motorman. Quadrella, doubtless cheered by the encouraging shouts of the holiday crowd, sprinted after it.

It was not until the car reached the end of its route at Orange that the puffing marketman finally overtook it. To the astonishment of the passengers he climbed to the roof and descended with his turkey. As he was about to enter the car to return to Montclair the conductor barred him.

"No turkeys allowed inside; it's against the rules," he said.

It cost Quadrella \$2.50 to get himself and the bird back in a taxi.

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Jaunty 30-inch long dyed muskrat coats.

Trimmed Taupe Nutria Coats **245.00**  
Full flare, 30-inch long model, opossum collar.

Scotch Mole Coats **275.00**  
30-inch long model of select skins, with girdle.

Trimmed Hudson Seal Coats **295.00**  
30 inches long; skunk or beaver collar and cuffs.

Natural Squirrel Coats **375.00**  
Fine blue skins, 30-inch long model, with girdle.

Taupe Nutria Wraps **395.00**  
48-inch long, full cut model, with large collar.

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Women's Day Coats 49.50 to 65.00 **36.00**  
Of velour; favored shades in practical models.

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In English or domestic velour, Bolivia and silvertone.

Plain & Fur Coats 98.50 to 125.00 **75.00**  
Peachbloom, bolivia or English velour, with mole, squirrel or Hudson Seal.

Day Coats & Dolmans 115.00 to 145.00 **95.00**  
Many fur trimmed—peachbloom, marvella and English velour.

Velveteen Coats & Wraps 135.00 to 175.00 **95.00**  
Elegant coat and wrap models, combined with fashionable furs or entirely of velveteen.

Women's Wrap Coats 155.00 to 295.00 **125.00**  
In duvetyn, marvella and peachbloom, with rich fur combinations.

Velveteen Eve's Wraps 135.00 to 150.00 **95.00**  
Many elegant styles, some fur trimmed.

Velvet Eve's Wraps up to 235.00 **125.00**  
Beautiful colorings and styles; fur trimmed.

Evening Wraps 225.00 to 295.00 **165.00**  
Of velvet, exclusive fashions—copies of imports.

Evening Wraps up to 450.00 **210.00**  
Magnificent brocades and fine velvets, elaborately fur trimmed.

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Tailored and fur trimmed models, in cloth and velveteen. Sizes 14 to 18.

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Chic, youthful models, tailored and fur trimmed. Sizes 14 to 18.

Misses' Costume Suits.....Formerly 175.00 to 210.00 **98.50**  
Rich cloth and velveteen suits with elaborations or without fur.

Misses' Plain and Fur Trimmed Coats.....Formerly 50.00 to 89.50 **48.00**  
A number of soft, fleecy materials with fur trimming or of all cloth. Sizes 14 to 18.

Misses' Plain and Fur Trimmed Coats.....Formerly 110.00 to 165.00 **85.00**  
Handsome fabrics, such as Fortuna and Peachbloom, with Nutria and Hudson Seal.

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